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have been ordered to make up the cost of the shortage. The Government are awaiting the detailed results of investigation."

Sri T. VISWANATHAM:—" Sir, in such matters as this, apart from merely making up the cost of shortage, are the Government going to take disciplinary action against the officers concerned?"

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI:—" I shall read the answer once again, Sir. 'The Government are awaiting the detailed results of investigation.' I do not think the hon. Member wants me to take disciplinary action or any such thing before the investigation is completed."

Sri T. VISWANATHAM:—" Sir, does not the fact that the enquiry so far made has disclosed that certain officers have been responsible for the loss and that they were asked to make up the loss show that further action is called for? What further report do the Government want to take disciplinary action?"

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI:—" My hon. Friend should understand that these things are not done piecemeal."

Representations from the Harijans of Ganti village, East Godavari.

* 353 Q.—Sri T. VISWANATHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a representation, dated 5th August 1952 from the Harijans of the village of Ganti, East Godavari, was received by the Government complaining about levy of unjust penalties in respect of, and evictions from, lands in their possession by local Revenue Officers; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (*a*) The Government have received a petition, dated 5th August 1952, in which one Sri Saka Satyam has represented on behalf of the landless poor Harijans of Ganti village, East Godavari district, about the levy of penalties for their encroachment upon certain poramboke lands in the village and in regard to the action taken by the local Revenue Officers to evict them from such lands.

" (*b*) The matter is under the consideration of the Government."

Sri T. VISWANATHAM:—" Sir, as quite a number of petitions have been made not only from these people but from people throughout the State, may I ask the Hon. Minister to put some special emphasis on this aspect of Secretariat work and expedite whatever action Government want to take in the matter?"

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The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Board has been examining the question and nothing will be lost. No emphasis is necessary."

Sri T. NAGI REDDI :— " పొరంబోకు భూములు బిదలు సాగుచేశారనేటటువంటి అభిప్రాయంతో ఎంతోమందికి penalties వేయడము, ఇటువంటి భూములు పెద్ద పెద్దవాళ్లకు ధనికులకు ఇచ్చివేయడము ప్రభుత్వము యొక్క పద్ధతియా? పొంంబోకు భూములవిషయములో ఎంత మందికి ఎన్నివిధాలుగా పెనాల్టీలు వేస్తున్నారో ప్రభుత్వానికి తెలుసునా? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKEVELU NAICKER :—" As the hon. Member knows the lands that are encroached upon are only porambokes which are used for grazing, threshing and drainage purposes."

Contract carriage permits to motor vehicles.

* 354 *Q.*—Janab M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state why motor vehicles are not granted contract carriage permits in spite of their applying for them?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The number of contract carriages for each district is fixed by the Regional Transport Authority with the approval of the Chairman, Central Road Traffic Board (or Transport Commissioner). Applications for permits for contract carriages are entertained if there are vacancies and they are disposed of according to rules. Permits for contract carriages cannot always be granted whenever applications are presented."

Janab M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know, Sir, why applications for permits for contract carriages cannot be granted? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Because, Sir, sections 50 and 51-A make it incumbent on the authorities to see if the existing facilities are enough. Those already in possession of permits must also be consulted and the Police authorities and the local authorities must also be consulted as to whether contract carriages are sufficient or are in excess of the needs of the region."

Supply of electricity to Rajampet taluk.

* 355 *Q.*—Sri P. NARASIMHA REDDY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the extension of electricity (Tungabhadra Line) to Rajampet taluk (Cuddapah district) is; and

(*b*) how long it will take to supply electricity for agricultural purposes in that taluk?

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) Surveying work for the transmission line is being conducted and it is expected to be completed during the current year.

" (*b*) Two years, subject to availability of funds."